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**In the application of** : Brian Unitt  
**Serial No.** : 09/580,865  
**Filed** : May 30, 2000  
**For** : Non-Return Optical Star Coupler  
**Examiner** : Phan, Hanh  
**Art Unit** : 2633

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**RESPONSE**

Honorable Director of  
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003, with reference to the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:-